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Prosecution Date: 8 September 2023

Decision - Prosecution

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 8 September 2023

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Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Bird & Bird (Belgium) LLP

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Firm ID: 497264

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Reasons/basis

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which will reach its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Solicitor. The Tribunal has certified that there is a case to answer in respect of allegations which are or include that:

While in a position of seniority over Person A, he engaged in conduct that was inappropriate in that he made comments and touched her.

While in a position of seniority over Person B he engaged in conduct that was inappropriate in that he displayed controlling behaviour, sent persistent unsolicited personal, sexualised messages, made inappropriate comments and touched her.

The allegations are subject to a Hearing before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal and are as yet unproven.

Other information

He is a former Registered Foreign Lawyer

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